W. M. SAMPLE
3502 HAMILTON STREET

PHILADELPHIA, April 5' 1928

My Dear Dr Robinson

We certainly were pessimistic as to our friend Wm R.
The suggestion is now to raise the amount from 20 to 50.000.00 - Some think we should raise it by degrees - However it is for the Congregation to say - but they will I imagine do whatever the Trustees of the Endowment Fund suggest.
The latest is that Wm R Jr has offered to install a set of chimes in the Tower in memory of his Father and Mother - In fact he has written a letter to that effect to Dr Noacker and the Trustees have called a special meeting for next Tuesday evening to act on the matter - The question has arisen as to wether the Tower is strong enough - We will have to get advise on the subject -
I am glad too that Chanes is back in the Board of Deacons. He was loosing interest in church work. I think this will stir him up -
Referring again to Wm R's gift to the Endowment I am sorry he did not write out our debt matter - With my best wishes to Mrs Robinson I am Sincerely Yours W M Sample

Hobart, N.Y.
March 31, 1928

Dear Dr. Robinson,

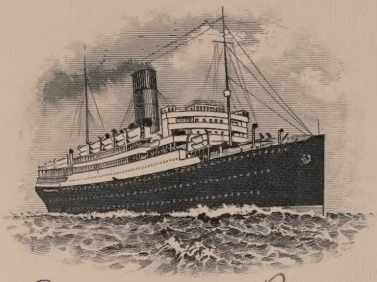
I think your idea in the little article you sent me is perfectly splendid. It takes all the wind out of Erdman's sails. If the whole Princeton affair is so personal as he says it is, why does he keep up the personal fight? Surely the blame must fall upon those who first carried this personal affair to the General Assembly! I agree that your idea should be put in print and will do everything I can to help.

Do you think it should be put out in letter form, like Erdman's latest pronouncement? What is your ~~thought~~ about getting it out? I could sign it myself, or could get an elder to sign it as it is written from the viewpoint of an outsider. I will do whatever you suggest.

My sister and I will look for you and Mrs. Robinson Wednesday night for supper.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Andy Schofield.



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March 8-28.

My dear Robinson -

More than half of our Cruise is past and we are all sorry for it has been wonderful in pleasure and experience. One thing it has shown me, - how little I know of world history - or of art or architecture. I feel as though I would have to begin reading and read the rest of my life in order to place and gain a proper insight into what I have seen. But just to have seen what we

have seen, has been worth while. The weather has been propitious though unusually cold, for which we were prepared. Roger, who likes the comforts of 573 Elm St. has grumbled considerably when we have been off ship - Egypt, Palestine and Spain offer the warmth of the good beds of America - but the food has been unusually good - and on the ship we have the greatest luxury in everything.

Spain has kept beautiful pictures - the train ride up to Granada with the snow capped Sierras going before and always the orange groves the olives, and the almonds just in blossom. One does not talk about the glories of the Alhambra

One just shuts the eyes and tries to bring back a little of the form and color. We are thankful it was our American Evening who brought about the preservation of this wonder.

Egypt means ruined temples and stuck dust and many beggars and wonderful sky sunsets back of broken arches and pillars and a woman's face gazing, gazing into mistiness - that face with the Mona Lisa smile - on the body of a lion - much more affecting than the great Kamakura Buddha who sits peacefully thinking of nothing leaving himself in Nirvana.

But the boat trip up the Nile was a joy to last forever. Those beautiful days and nights of full moon!!

Then the week in Palestine - three days in Jerusalem - the holy spots all covered by tawdry for most part Churches - which however have preserved them. But the Mosque of Omar on the Temple Site is beautiful - the eight old, old olive trees in the garden of Gethsemane gave me the greatest thrill - and Capernaum and Galilee also. One could feel there, that Sunday in the ruins of the old Synagogue, that Jesus really taught there and on those hills softly rising from the lake walked & taught.

It has all been most helpful & inspiring - We have been told - now have credit from Camp sheets & my room in Nazareth - but it pays. Now for Athens tomorrow - here at Constantinople yesterday. Steam April 6th by Mauretania. Hell send him. Grace S.S..

My dear Dr. Robinson –

I have decided to ask for my letter of dismissal from the North Presbyterian Church of New York since I no longer have an opportunity to commune there. May I ask them to address it to your church? Although

my attendance must be infrequent I feel I would prefer to have my membership there until such time as I live in a community where there is a Presbyterian church with which I wish to unite.

You have been such a comfort in times past and I know that were I in need of ministry either in joy or sorrow I would

turn to you. So I feel that I would like to give my allegiance and support to your church.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Robinson,

Sincerely,

May Bruce Stuart

Corbett, N. Y.

March the fourteenth.

Thursday.

Dear Doctor Robinson -

Thank you so much for your very kind letter. I deeply appreciate your warm welcome and shall surely try to be with you on June 3rd.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Mary Bruce Stewart

HILL VIEW FARM

POTSDAM, N. Y.

March 15, 1928.

Dear "Aaron":

Your letter was most welcome. If you had written before it must have miscarried – had I known and loved you less would we have learned to serve the "Lord".

So sorry debt fails still to build you and doubly sorry about the unfortunate investments. Let us delude yourself, however, in regard to the wealth of this branch of the Sieron family. Had we been minus, I would have

joined the travellers.

With the losses on the farm, each year of which would mean a trip abroad and the eighty thousand for which George is responsible and which Barber has trying to run an automobile business on the same scale as Geo Eastman with his years of experience, we are far from prosperous especially as the Acker company is making no money.

As you say, though, we have health to be thankful for.

That reminds me. Has anyone told you how very ill Aunt Frelich is?

HILL VIEW FARM

POTSDAM, N. Y.

For days her life has been despaired of and they have finally resorted to blood-transfusion. This morning reports are a bit more encouraging but her heart is very weak. In both churches people are praying that her life may be spared to her family and the many who love her.

Yes, the church here seems to be prospering as it hasn't since you left us. There are things which are not perfect, of course, but the prayer meeting and all services are well attended.

The Cubleys have just returned from a trip to Florida.

George is in New York this week.

HILL VIEW FARM

POTSDAM, N. Y.

Glad you had your Philadelphia vacation, and that your people are so loyal to you.

You remember J. G. Cooke and wife who had a dry goods business here. After his death she moved away and remarried - both she and her husband becoming dope fiends. This winter she died in a county home absolutely penniless, people here defraying the expense of burying the remains here and avoiding a pauper burial. You may remember her as having faults but generous and big hearted so her end seems very sad.

Let us hear from you again when

HILL VIEW FARM

POTSDAM, N. Y.

time permits and tell us of Stewart
his family and work.

With much love to you both

Mary V Howes.

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February 17,1928

The Rev. William Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Cort,

Yesterday Lew Mudge and I had a very interesting luncheon with Judge Bruce to discuss with him the question that you and he and I talked over last summer in Delhi with regard to giving the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly final jurisdiction. You remember at that time the Judge was rather adverse to this idea. I think now, however, that he would be willing to approve of it, provided it was understood, as of course it would have to be, that the Presbyteries alone can determine the doctrine of the Church, that the General Assembly has a right from time to time to issue deliverances, and that the Judicial Commission would be strictly limited to passing upon appeals and complaints, etc.,properly referable to it, and that it would have power not to make law but only to interpret the law and constitution of the Church in its judicial judgments.

The whole matter is to come up before the General ~~Assembly~~ Council at its next meeting, and I imagine that it may come to the next General Assembly in definite form. I should be very grateful if you would write out for me some time your argument in behalf of lodging finality in the Judicial Commission. I remember what a strong statement you made and your quotation of your father's solid opinion.

I was at Princeton last Sunday speaking at the Seminary morning and afternoon and the First Church in the evening, and had a very good day.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

RES:C.

THE ROOSEVELT
NEW YORK

January 27 '28.

My dear Irvin & Lady.

I am very, I cannot
bear the idea of not seeing
you, but I have no news
from you. What is the matter
that you can't see Irvin
and tell us the news.
When we thought we have
seen or new the prince!

I find myself going back
to the days of childhood,
and I think, whenever
friendship has failed me
I invariably appear to have
left behind things which are
gone.

Time is the market. How we
[illegible] in some way?
Certainly no doubt means to.

I suppose we will soon be away from kindred & friends but hope to find them all glad to see us when we return in April.

With all good wishes for your health

Yours truly

[illegible]

693 E. 18th St.
Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear friend

Forgive me for not writing to you before - It has been almost impossible for me to settle down long enough to answer my many sympathetic letters - yours one of them - Since Will died I spent three weeks with my sister then went to Roberts for about the same time - the day before Thanksgiving I came to Brooklyn to visit a friend she was taken ill and I have been with her ever since - with my heart broken

and trying to keep up I have
left undone — many things I
should have done — I appreciate
your letter and it certainly was
comforting — My loneliness is
almost unbearable for Will and I
have always been very companion
able — liked the same things and
enjoyed the same pleasures —
I had not dreamed that
his health was failing — an
occasional attack of indigestion was
his only complaint — He just slipped
away and left me alone —
To-day I received a letter from
Lizzie — telling me that Kate too
had been called to heaven —
I was indeed greatly shocked
at the suddenness of her death —
and Net so poorly — Life is in
deed strange and mysterious —
I regret not being able to go

to Delhi a week ago - I have had a cold for three weeks and seem to be having a new one now - I have just had to stop and rest - I hope and am planning to go up there a little later -

We are wanting to sell our home in Central Valley and it will be necessary for me to open the house and put in order in the early spring - I am selling this reluctantly as Will loved it in C.V. and we have spent many happy days there

Love to Mr Robinson and yourself As ever

Mary E. Snedaker

(Mrs W.D.)

P.O. address
c/o Mrs. A. H. Smith
2107 Mt. Vernon St.
Dallas Tex.

My age when married 24 Feb. 18[illegible]
Husband 23 [illegible] 18[illegible]

My birthplace Dallas Co.
" Education Strong of Sex

Husband born in a township adjoined to Pittsville but could recall no incidence
Her occupation – Dress making

From
Constance Dunn Harding
Bureau Medical Hospital
Flat

Rev. Wm. C. Robinson
Leslie, N. J.

Dec. 17, 1927

Dear Sir:

I am writing to request information
on forming government money which is due
my husband who served in Troop [illegible]
of 1st Interstate Cavalry, which was stationed in the
Southeastern State. He has a honorable discharge
dated [illegible] 1926 which was payable Sept.
[illegible] January 1928. The amount is $[illegible] or
approximately.

BONUS

Legal advice can be given - marriage
certificate, I think, would make a person for a certi
ficate to one who, although separated
As you order my papers similarly as me
you say, I may expect, will
follow efforts if taken at once.

Respectfully
Constance E. Worthington
Attorney

Forwarded
and answered

Marriage Licence # 116 January 8 1921.
Issued in Pottsville Penna
Married by Rev Walker
2nd Presbyterian Church
3rd & Mahantongo Sts
Pottsville Pa

who knew of Dr. Mackie, three
college.

Frank Woodbury { son of John Emmanuel
241 Green St. { boy
Ocklenville Ol
furniture
Phila.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOBART, NEW YORK

JOSEPH A. SCHOFIELD, JR., PASTOR

Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Your letter received today. I was very glad to hear from you again and am not unconscious of the honor you do me in wanting me to see your series of papers. While I feel my advice is very immature, yet I am delighted to be of the slightest service to Princeton and to you. So I shall be in Belle Saturday afternoon unless a severe storm prevents.

I have not seen Dr. Mocher's pamphlet. If it is going to all the ministers, my name may not yet have been reached. I am looking forward to another opportunity of discussing these matters with you.

Cordially yours,
Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.

304 SUMMIT AVENUE
SYRACUSE, N.Y.

My very dear Dr. Dotson —
Has Children been the "instrument" the last — so I have delayed writing you until I can tell you what I hope will be my mission — When I tell you that there must have been more than five hundred — you will realize that I have not been idle these such days.

I cannot tell you dear friend all that your receipt letter has meant to me. when I say that it will ever be among my most precious

possessions - perhaps you
will understand how
highly I value it. and I
shall frame when my heart
forms faint and my footsteps
falter - I shall take it out
and read it - and say "I
must or more - and yet
yet here is a friend who
believes in me" - Stevie
and you both seem to have
the gift of saying comforting
things. Your letter is just
as dear as yours - how lack
lyes million copies made
for each of us who commit.
It seems indeed strange
"And so much more of life
to still live on" - The day

pass slowly - but they pass - and while
I feel that upon me by my life mate
with him - I am trying to gather
up the broken threads and see
it has been so hard for me to understand
why such a good and useful life
should be ended - here - and I
try to feel that he has been called
to a bigger work beyond - I know
now that a great crown is indeed
the sign of a great loss - and I cherish
the memory of our happy years together
as I look back - I feel that life doesn't
mean me anything more - if the way is
long or short that I am called to meet
alone in loneliness and sorrow, there
will be no murmur or complaining on
my part - I like to think the Apostle
Paul's last word to me as I think
in mind when he wrote -
"Even as he did that day to God -
he called to you this birth -
be simple - be - and gentleness -
and love and clean heart -"
I met you 15 years - that's since
you - yet you coming to us, you
made a friend indeed -
I am glad you liked the service - I
wanted it to be a triumphant like his life
had been - and it just seemed to me
like his coronation -
With kindest regards to Mr Robinson
and yourself - I am affectionately yours
Frances D. McCleary.

Dear Court -

Aunt Minnie is sick and quite so - been in bed two or three weeks. Started with a cold and became quite near pneumonia - and the Doctor thought he warded it off - Came down stairs one day but it proved too much for her and has not been out of bed since - Seems very weak and heart is unreliable - Doctor thinks she will get around again but she is losing her courage, and I thought better to advise you. We are doing everything possible for her - but she is 91 years old, and I would not be surprised at anything - will keep you informed. You might write her it pleases her much - but don't let on

that I think she is seriously ill.

Otherwise all well.

Sincerely

Hazel

Wednesday

October 23. 1927.

My Very Dear Aunt.

Your dear letter came to me today and was such a delightful surprise I was wishing I knew something about how you and Gus and all the rest of your family are. I wondered if you had so many to love you had forgotten your old Auntie. That is the first time I have ever said old of myself but I fear others have thought it of me and timely the years tell it to me. I am not very strong ? if I only had more strength I think I would be all ~~right~~ I am so tired all the time. I do not get down stairs until lunch time in the afternoon Mary takes me for a ride five afternoons. after dinner I walk to Mays some times down street I never go on the street alone and take my maids Leggie and my cane. I am not a bit lame feel light headed. blood pres. dizzy which is most unpleasant. We expect to go to Florida Mary & Albert expect to go the 9th next week. in Mays can I expect to go in time for Thanksgiving. to Pass-a-Grille, Patterson Apts. Florida. (Pass-a-Grille, Florida. Patterson Apts) It is on the Gulf a beautiful place. Mary loves it and

is so well and better than she ever was. has lost it all
this summer doing have work with Alberts help.
She rented her house last winter and it has been hard
without a maid, she has done all the cooking
She has been so brave and splendid. Mr Fowler
and his sister in law started for California last
Tuesday to spend the winter. Last week May
and I went to Cambridge spent the day
with Aunt Georgia. she is real well but is so
very lame with rheumatism it is so hard for
her to get around at all. she is all alone which
makes her very lonely, she has so many friends
who call to see her every day, but I am sorry
to have her alone in that house at night with
no one near her at night. Now I wish you
could live where you would love to. how I used
to hate Ho Argyle in winter it was lovely in
summer with company and I had such good
servants. I am happy to be near May but her
housekeeping takes so much of her time and I
do not like this street so narrow not at all what
I like but May is so dear and good to me all
I have to live for. Does baby Cunthand look like you?
and to think of you a grandfather I just cannot
I wish I could see you and dear Eus she is
a sweet little woman no wonder why I put in the
extra m\ Did Mr Crawford timely have a tint

for hiring women in his church? and people believe it: We couldn't be so foolish. I was very fond of them in Argyle. Will Robinson is not well but is better now than he was last year. The tunnel will be finished before Spring when Ellen and he expect to have another trip around the world or see what they did not in their last one. I think he ought to have a long rest he is very nervous and tired. I wish you could come to Florida this winter. I believe you would love it and it would do you much good. Dear old Maple Glen our home in No Argyle does not look as it used to in the old happy days you would hardly know it at all it is all going to ruin. I would love to have a good visit with you I have always and am still very fond of you Aunt I do not believe you or I ever will forget each other. I think often ~~of you and wish I could see~~ you and do write to me dear and tell me of yourself and your dear ones. it is so dear to have these little children to love. I love children May wishes me to send her love to you with mine to Eric and all the dear ones.

Believe me your loving
Aunt Liggie.

"My eyes are giving me much trouble."

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156 Fifth Ave.,
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June 22, 1927.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Court:

It was a great pleasure to get your good friendly letter of June 14th with its kind reference to "Seeking the Mind of Christ". I am glad if you found some helpful things in it. I was glancing in it myself the other night and found more than one lesson that I need to relearn. It is a good deal easier to give counsels than it is to practice them and yet our comfort is that we would not have discernment enough to give them if we did not have some conscience within us as to our own failures.

It was good to have your reference to Princeton Seminary and the new Committee. I have hard many favorable and encouraging comments from those who would be regarded as the most strongly conservative in our Church and I do hope and pray that the new Committee may be able to lead us on and out. What one would like to see would be the faculty itself take matters in hand and effect a complete reconciliation and join heartily in a united program which would rally behind them the Boards of the Seminary and the Church at large. This would be a triumph indeed. Our friend, Dr. Machen, might make himself one of the greatest leaders in Christian affairs of our day - using these words in their best and noblest sense - if he would first kneel down and then rise up and step forward and do this.

I have just received a notice of the call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors on June 29th. I have engagements beginning Thursday of this week, however, that run right on to July 8th and I doubt whether I can change these so as to get to Princeton for this meeting.

Thank you very much for your invitation to Delhi. I do not see any possibility of my coming unless I could work it in as a sort of semi-vacation trip in September. I am not sure yet just what time I shall be able to get away this summer but I had been expecting to spend September 11th with my family at a little country place that we bought, when we sold our home in Englewood, at Lakeville, Conn. It may be that I could persuade Mrs. Speer to go with me and we could drive from there over to Delhi

on Saturday, September 10th, spend the 11th with you and drive back on the 12th. I will keep this in mind and let you know later in case I find it will be a possibility.

I thank you with all my heart for your kind telegram of congratulation which came to me at the General Assembly. I had earnestly hoped and prayed that there might be some way of escape but as I look back I can believe that it was all of God's ordering and that there was nothing, of course, to do but to walk in what seemed to be the way of duty. We certainly had God's evident and abundant blessing at the Assembly and I trust and pray that it may be the beginning of far better and richer things for our Church in the days to come.

With warm regard, I am

Very cordially yours,

RES/V

Gouverneur,N.Y. 10/4/27

Dear Court:

"A long time between drinks."And I am getting pretty thirsty for a little of that nippy nectar that oozes from your pungent paragraphs.But in all honesty I suppose I shall have to confess to a little negligence myself.Does your memory run back sufficiently far to recall who wrote the last letter and when it was written?Well what have you been doing all summer and fall,did you take any vacation? Why didn't you drive up and look us over?Perhaps you have had too much controversy on hand to think of any thing else. Or are you taking an active part in the squabble.Sherman went to Princeton last week,is settled in 407 Brown Hall,and says he is very happy.He has been gone a week and has written four letters.Says he has never been so happy as he is in his work and prospects there.I hope nothing will happen to change joyous experience.Can't you do something to choke off Machen and Stevenson from fighting through the press?I was sorry to see them out with statements at the opening. It is not very edifying to see Christian men of their position flying at each other's neck.I have been watching Sherman's letters for some hint that he had seen something of it in their work there, but so far he has not said a word about it,so I think has not seen anything of it.They give the outside world a very unpleasant im-

pression of themselves and of the school.You ought to have heard the way it was thrown at me at Presbytery when they learned that Sherman was going to Princeton.Some of them told him what a grave mistake he was making.I don't wonder that folks who read what these fellows say about one another think it a hot place to send a boy.I think it would be far better for the school if they could be muzzled. Sherman said Stevenson outdid himself last Sunday.The atmosphere on the campus does not seem to be what outsiders might expect it to be.I am glad the boy is so happy in his work,so far. Do you get down there often?Be sure and look Sherman up when you do go there, it would delight him to see you.

I tried hard to get Rhoda into Wellesley and Holyoke and Wells,but could not .I would like to have had her in a girls school for the next two years but they are all swamped.

How does the work go with an assistant.You could not find enough to keep you half busy before,what do you do with yourself now?More time to devote to "our wife," What did Stewart decide to do?

What wonderful weather we have had.And it is too much for my people to resist.I can't get any one out at night.Perhaps I had better get out myself,take your counsel.

Well I guess I will let you off for this time.I expect to meet George down in Greenwich this month-have not been there in two years.

With overflowing love, W. T. S.

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Oct 27th, 1927

Dear Dr & Mrs Robinson

We are sure it will do
more good rather than harm to
have you with us, and we look
forward with pleasure to your
visit. We will expect you

some time. Sunday morning
(Oct 16th) some time after breakfast
as you state in your letter.

Matt Zimmerman

Cornelius W. Simon

Sept 1st 1927

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

It was very kind of Dr Robinson to write me such a good letter & let me know about you all. Glad you are all so well & the children recovered from the Measles. Sam said you enjoyed their visit with you. Our summer has been very successful. Took me back to health again & although my strength is very needed I visited Trust I have enough for another Winter. The children are wonderfully well, have enjoyed every bit the exercise & fun. Fellows pitch tent & live in it. Good for them. Boys are well, report all the mountains

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Dr & Mrs W. C. Robinson

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POCONO MANOR INN, POCONO MANOR, PA

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Pocono Manor
Pa
Sept 18th 1927

Dear Dr & Mrs Robinson

I was so glad to receive your good letter and to know that you are coming to Phila so soon.

This is just a line to ask if the Rife's haven't made other plans

for you), if we may have
the pleasure of entertaining
you during your visit.
I am not going to say
entertaining you for that
I haven't strength to do,
especially as Laird wants
me to go away to a convention
with him just following
those dates, and I want
to conserve strength, but
to have you with us
would be a great joy, then
you just come and go
with your friends and in

dear old Phila just as you please and we will see you and enjoy you all the inbetween times.

Hoping we may have this pleasure.

We return home tomorrow, another summer passed into history. Did I tell you that this spot has done so much for us all in health and strength and peace and happiness, that we have bought this cottage.

Sincerely Amelia A. Simons

Sunis Cottage
Pocono Manor P.O.
Pa
September 7th, '27

Dear Dr Robinson

It is sad news I have for you tonight, and yet not sad when one of God's chosen ones, one of His choice ones has gone Home. Jack Mickle 'phoned me this evening, that his dear Mother had gone on to

her great reward this ~~evening~~ afternoon, she said the going was very peaceful and quiet. Jack asked if I would let you know. The services will be Friday at two o'clock.

Dear Margaret how hard it will be for her. I can't think of her without her dear Mother. Just four years ago our Precious Mother was called Home. Margaret thought best not to tell her Mother of dear Father's going, but I believe

they are all meeting now and what a wonderful reunion in their Heavenly Father's home.

With kind remembrances to Mrs Robinson and yourself.

Sincerely

Amelia A. Simons

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The Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Court,

Your kind telegram was received in Lakeville. I had hoped when I first promised to come to Delhi that I could be at our little home in Lakeville the end of this week, and that Mrs. Speer and I could drive over on Saturday returning on Monday. This will not be possible however. ~~Ten~~ Then, I hoped that my youngest son,William, and I could go out to my old boyhood home in Huntingdon, Pa. and drive from there to Delhi on Friday and Saturday. It seems now that this also will be impossible, and I shall probably have to come up by train alone, Saturday afternoon, leaving New York at 11:40 A.M., standard time, and reaching Delhi 6:40 in the evening, coming back on the morning train on Monday. If I make any change in arrangement and find it is possible to drive to Delhi, I will let you know, but unless you hear otherwise, you may expect me on the Saturday evening train.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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I AM EXPECTING TO BE WITH YOU FOR SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH

ROBERT E SPEER

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7/28/27 Tunis Cottage
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"PHOSTINT" POST CARD

Dear Dr & Mrs Robinson

Here we are in the Pocono's again, in one of the Manor cottages this time, but we are so quiet + private, hidden away among the trees that I can't realize that there is any big hotel or cottages near me. I only go out when Leaird has the car up + then just for short rides. I was in bed again for 5 weeks before coming away but am gaining nicely now. I certainly should here. The children are very busy + very happy in the day time camp, all the activities well organized. Camp but eat + sleep at home it is fine. Julian's family near us at

Dr & Mrs W. Courtland Robinson
Delhi
New York

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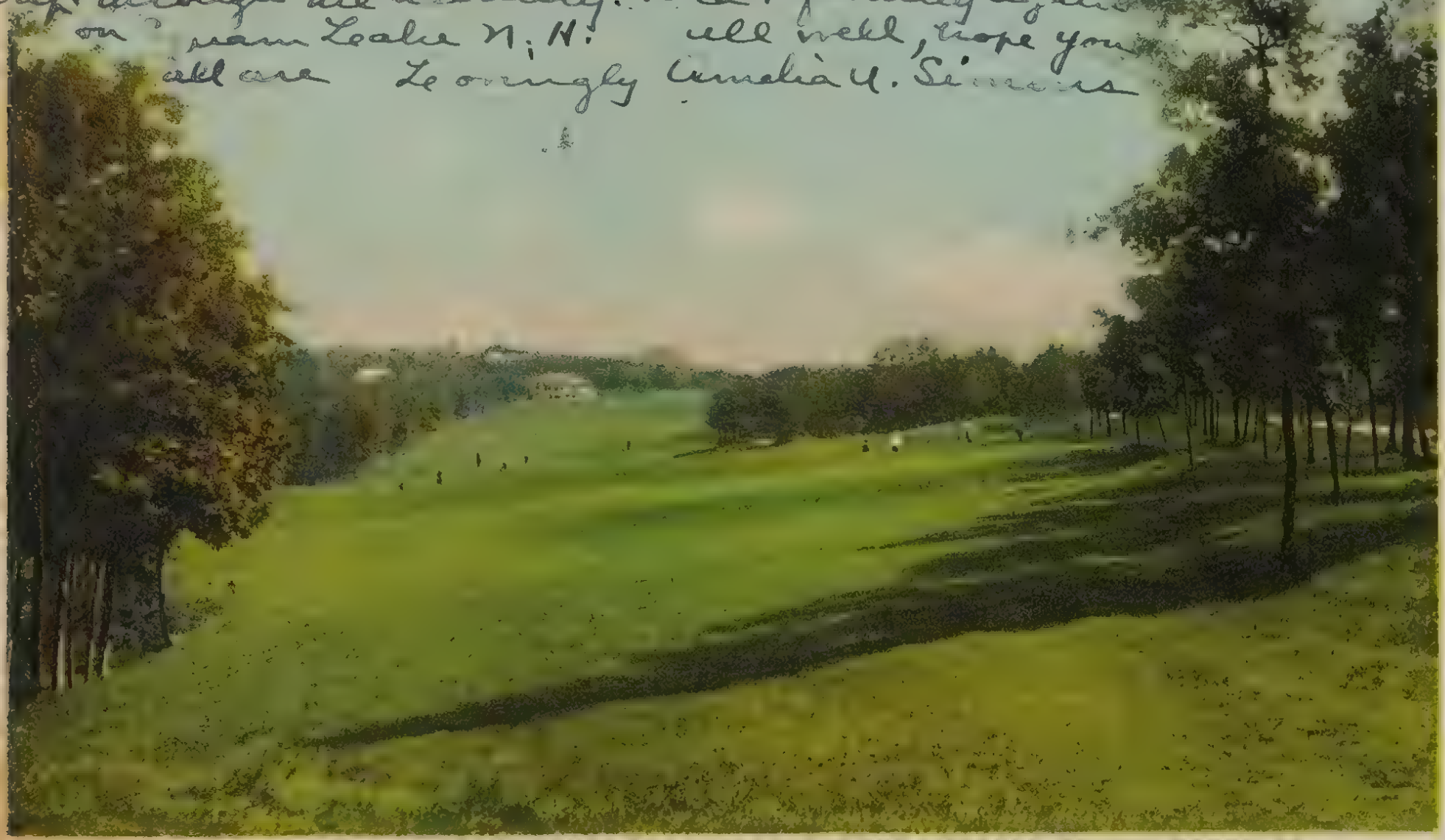
Tooting as usual. Emily's family think a donkey
trip through the Humility. Peta + family again
on Squam Lake N. H. All well, hope you
all are Lovingly Amelia U. Simons



PORTAGE NORTH TO LAKE HOUSE AND CITY OF THE DESERT, ARIZONA

MAEHASSIT COTTAGE
OAK POINT
ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, NEW YORK

Dear Dr. Robison -

To receive such a fine letter from you was a joy to Rufe and myself -- While we know, in a way, that you do care for us - still like all mortals - we love the declaration now and then -

This is a gloriously beautiful day on this grand river - Often do we wish that you and Mrs. Rob might drive in - Believe me - no one could

be more welcome. We look back to the day when you were with us and realize what happy years they were.

Rufe left us Monday night for Pittsburg. Went to New York on Tuesday night and will be back home in Hammond tomorrow morning when we are to meet him.

Lewis and family are in Pittsburg in a rented home. Ruth and family are at 53 Elm. She is not very strong yet since her weeks in the hospital in Durham

not she is gaining - and in the end will feel much stronger than she has for some time.

Rufus is in Michigan - gone for his little family who have been in Dorothy's father's summer home since June - Walter and his small family are in Rotsdam - He takes his vacation in the golf course - He practices day-light saving with the office force - and so gets out at four thirty each day - much to Edwin's displeasure -

As far as your being in Delhi all these years - I dare not express myself - for I firmly believe that the Lord intended you for larger fields of activities - Nothing able to express yourself and to do the big things that you know you are capable of doing - is what makes you so unhappy. You are still young - why not - Rufus and I still consider ourselves young - (at least I say so) and you can beat us at that game by quite a few years - Some change may come your way - and you should avail yourself of it - Keping Grain Part will come up later - Our summer here has been lovely - The Skinner family arrived last week - About 75 attended the Sunday service in our

KIRKSIDE
ROXBURY, NEW YORK

My dear Mrs. Robinson;

It will give Mr. Shepard and me much pleasure to have you and Dr. Robinson for one o'clock (Standard Time) luncheon on Friday, July twenty-ninth, to meet Miss Caroline L. Palmer of the Biblical Seminary in New York, who will be the leader of the Bible Class in the study of "Some Favorite Chapters of the Bible" (St. John 13-21), to be held at Kirkside during the week, July twenty-sixth to August first.

Hoping we may hear soon that you can come,

Cordially yours,

Helen Gould Shepard
(Mrs. Finley J.)

July eighteenth,
Nineteen twenty-seven.

Gouverneur,N.Y. 7/19/27

Dear Court:

"Long time between drinks."

And it is a shame after that letter saying all fine things and making my wife so chesty I could hardly live with her. If it had been any one but you that said it I do not think she would have fattened on it so much,but she takes so much stock in what you say.We were sorry you were not nearer so you could have been with us.That was about the only thing lacking to make it complete.They did things up in great shape.Were down to Sherman's graduation,and we had not heard a word about it when we left.But soon as we got away they got busy. When we got back to Utica where we staid overnight,Kate had a letter from Helen telling us what was on.Well thank you my dear for your generous words.I wish I were worthy of all that was said.My biggest surprise was a letter from our old friend of fighting days,Dr Dulles. They had sent no word to him.

Do you think they will let the fight crop out before the students at Princeton? I think I would rather have Sherman go there than any other school I know of if I thought that old fight would be kept out of sight.Don't you think they have a strong facult y there?I have sent for a catalogue.George and Sherman are both home.Robert is coming to be with us the first two weeks in August over at river-whole family together.George I guess will stay till first Sept.I do not know when we will all be together again. Hope to quiet down this time, great

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June 29, 1927.

Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,

Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We thank you very much for your letter of June 28th, and in accordance with your instructions therein, we beg to formally confirm your purchase from us of $1,000 United Wall Paper Factories First Mortgage Twenty-year 6s, 1947, at 99-1/2 and interest net to you. These bonds will be ready for delivery, in temporary form, tomorrow, June 30th.

We have, therefore, prepared a statement of the cost which we are enclosing herewith. Upon your remittance for the amount due we shall be pleased to send this bond direct to the Delaware National Bank, Delhi, N. Y., for your account.

We trust that this handling of the situation meets with your entire approval, and with many thanks for your favors, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Spencer Trask & Co.

GWW/P

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 29, 1927

My dear Courtland:-

Your letter came yesterday morning and I took note of what you stated regarding Mr. Hinman. I had decided personally not to raise any questions concerning him. However, at the Board meeting to-day Dr. Maitland Alexander read a letter from Mr. Hinman, presenting his resignation. While the ostensible reason was his plan to be abroad for a year, an accompanying letter stated that the question of his eligibility had been raised and since he has never been an elder in the church, it was made evident to him that he had no right to serve on the Board. His resignation was accepted and the Secretary of the Board was instructed to inform him that the Board held him blameless in the matter.

As to the requirement of the Charter of the Seminary regarding Trustees who shall be residents of the State of New Jersey, you evidently have not read the ordinances of the Board of Trustees. The language to which you allude would seem to imply that twelve of the Trustees must not only be laymen but citizens of the State of New Jersey. If you will turn to page 46 of "The Charter and Plan" you will note that this language was interpreted at the time to mean "that of the whole number of Trustees twelve at least shall be laymen and twelve at least either clergymen or laymen or both shall be citizens of this State as the Charter directs." I understand that when the Charter was given, of the original incorporators there were not twelve laymen who were citizens of the State of New Jersey, but the twelve alluded to were both laymen and clergymen. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees this question was raised again, and Dr. John Dixon, the oldest member of the Board, explained the whole matter and as I believe satisfied the legal minds in the Board that the precedent which has been followed for over a hundred years is in accord with the original charter provision.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 10, 1927

My dear Courtland:-

During the sessions of the Assembly, I was asked a question which I could not answer, but concerning which you doubtless have exact information. Two or three Commissioners from Binghamton Presbytery called my attention to the fact that according to the requirements of the Plan of the Seminary "The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-one ministers and nine ruling elders." They then inquired how it was possible for Mr. Hinman to be a Director when he is not an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He has been a Trustee of the First Church of Binghamton, but sometime ago resigned from that position. I could only state that they must be mistaken, as I was confident no one would be suggested for the directorate or be elected who could not fulfill this essential requirements of having been ordained an elder in the Presbyterian Church. I am assuming that although he may not be an elder now, he has served in this capacity at some time in the past and therefore is eligible to the official position which he now holds in connection with the Seminary. Am I right in this?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

Delhi, N. Y., May 13, 1927.

Robert E. Speer, LL.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

My dear Robert,

Our brief conversation on Monday interested me much and set me to thinking. It is not often that anyone has to put forth effort to hold back a tide that would carry him to the highest seat in our church. On the contrary there has often been too much effort by individuals to increase such a tide. The desire to be Moderator is indeed hopes, but when too eager or promoted by some methods, works great damage. I have a notion that too great intensity of ambition in that line has been one of the causes of trouble in our beloved Princeton Gen. Drs. McCarthy and Erdman both had letters and spoken words from me urging withdrawal of one as I foresaw a rending of Princeton as result. I thought my classmate Dr. Erdman, the elder of the two should have preference. Had one or even both retired, we might have been saved much trouble. I was even more opposed to any opposition to Dr. Erdman in 1925. So I endorse your effort to avoid being made Moderator.

As to yourself, there has not been a year in the last twenty, when by a word you could not have been Moderator. Perhaps you can scarcely be expected to push away the crown much longer. That you will be overwhelmingly elected I have not the slightest doubt. That you would be chosen entirely without opposition is another matter for which I cannot predict. Your idea of securing one who would command all is quite in accord with my own hope. I would like to see a few more unanimous actions. Perhaps in the present condition of high blood pressure, such a united action is beyond hope. I can see reasons why some would secretly if not openly oppose you. (1) No Board Secretary should be Moderator of the G. A. while in active service. That is my conviction which I have heard voiced by others, none has been up to this hour, and once started I believe great injuries will result in future years. Board Secretaries are in the center of manipulation and once they get the door open to the office of Moderator our church will be cursed with more intrigue than it is now. (2) Your position as Director at Princeton should cause you to study deeply before allowing your name ot be presented. You can refuse if you wish to. Offending your fellow presbyters, as you say you did in 1924, is not an insuperable obstacle. (3) To my mind none but pastor or missionary should be Moderator. Much as I love J. Ellison Smith, I could not support him, nor Geo. L. of Chicago, nor Niederwolf. The Presbyterian

Church is not giving pastors their due. Since 1870 only one-half the Moderators have been pastors. The reason is plain. Professors by their duties get wide acquaintance and great publicity and it is publicity that makes Moderators. Chapman, Craig, Stevenson and others were elected not by superior merit but because they had gained much publicity by virtue of their line of work. Pastors in proportion to their fidelity to their task are, save in rare cases, held in obscurity though in knowledge, ability, fidelity, virtue and measure of labor they are not one whit less than others. I will be glad when the pastor gets some measure of his due in the Presbyterian church. My father was a pastor fifty-nine years, in ability and character equal to the best, he retained a small parish because he felt it his duty yet he was never honored but twice and then I took up vigorous cudgels in his behalf without his knowledge. In Board matters, in high offices, pastors are ignored, especially those not in the big centers where political intrigue thrives. I have served twenty years as a city pastor and sixteen years as village pastor and I know that the latter works harder and is more ignored. Yet pastors are crowded hard to furnish sinews of war. See the list.

General Council	19 members	3 active pastors
Co-Operation	15 "	3 " "
Judicial Com.	15 "	5 " "
Special Com.	15 "	5 " "
National Capital	12 "	3 " "
Marriage & Divorce	19 "	5 " "
Princeton Sem.	5 "	2 " "
National Mission	38 "	13 " "
Foreign Mission	39 "	9 " "
Education	40 "	8 " "
Ministerial Relief	15 "	2 " "
Total	232 "	48 " "

Of course some are women and some elders. Men like Dr. J. R. Taylor have been and are essentially pastors. One notices a few individuals whose names are repeated often indicating a very close and effective political ring. Woe to him who invades it! The great sore in the Presbyterian Church is an ecclesiastical hierarchy in which average pastors have little part and by which they are shabbily treated. I am frank to say that I think pastors should have the Moderator's chair exclusively and more places of importance. You and I have had acquaintance for forty years. You have entirely outgrown me. You have had a remarkable career. God endowed you with great ability of mind and tongue. You stand unique in the whole Christian world. You have had more honors and privileges than any other man in our Church. Perhaps my objections do not apply to you. That you can be Moderator if you wish and will administer the place with commanding ability I have not the slightest question. As to Princeton Seminary, if you are Moderator you can do much to

make or break that institution which we both love. The situation there is deplorable and the fault of it lies with no one man or party. Being conservative, extreme, from deep conviction, I have voted with the so-called majority but have mitigated many proposals and think I can say modestly that my refusal to support Dr. Stevenson instead of Dr. Morgan last Monday led up to Dr. Raffield's happy solution. My protest against the Thompson report is not so much against one Board of Control as against the nuisance of Dr. Machen by suspending him by the thumbs for years. Reject him if they will, far and away the ablest man for Stuart chair, but indiscreet at times. Reject him but at least act. I object to holding up all elections for years, for this change of which the Committee speaks so glibly will not be wrought for a long time. The Committees' report was in my opinion not marked by judicial discrimination and fairness and it is certainly not fair to the Directors. If adopted it means that another Seminary is shifted to a new position. I told Dr. Stevenson that I was ready to unite the Boards if all members of both Boards were included. To deliberately kick out any will be unjust and wicked as it would be to kick out Stevenson or Erdman. We can solve our problems there if the assembly will leave us alone. I greatly deplore the appeal to the Assembly which Dr. Stevenson had for two years and he and my classmate Erdman carried out. The squabble between Erdman and Machen on the one hand and Macartney on the other did not warrant it. All of us have ruined enough to be sure, Erdman as much as Machen, Stevenson as much as Macartney, I as much as any.

I hope if you go to the Assembly and whether Moderator or not, you will prevent a burning of the house to get rid of the defects. The trouble is not in having two Boards, but in the temper of a few in the Faculty and Dr. Stevenson's lack of ability in administration. There is no doubt, Dr. Erdman once said so to me, that Dr. Stevenson with all his chance and virtue lacks important qualities for his place. Now you are in a position to save Princeton. You have the solemn duty especially if you become Moderator to determine its future. We have been on opposite sides on many matters but I respect your opinions. You are the abler and more experienced man. You can do much. To allow that report to pass, to order reorganization, withhold confirmation of Dr. Machen, will in spite of the sound Christian views and purposes of Drs. Erdman and Stevenson be a declaration to the world that the last of the old citadels of orthodox faith has fallen. You cannot avoid that conclusion. It may be partly incorrect, but it will be inevitable. You can stop that. No other man can. Drs. Erdman, Stevenson and the Trustees have us, no doubt about it. They can kick us all out. You alone can stop them unless they are minded themselves to withhold. They are good men, sorely tried, not wholly blameless, but eager to win. You can do more one way or the other, than any other man. I begged Dr. Erdman and Dr. Stevenson to call a conference of both sides but they refused. You call it. The majority of the majority,

and the majority of the minority are not anxious to wreck or change Princeton. It will be a crime to allow it to proceed.

A long letter. If you read it, please pardon its length.

Cordially yours,

Hillview Farm
Potsdam, N.Y.

June 17, 1927

Dear "Parson":

Hearing a telegram from you to Mr. Skinner read on Friday night, reminded me that I owed you a letter.

It was so good to hear from you once more and if we wrote as often as we think of you, your mail would indeed be heavy.

Things here go on about as usual
Sieson men absorbed in business
and part of the women at least
"cumbered with much serving."

George and I attended Mr. Skinners fortieth anniversary which was a very enjoyable occasion. Both carry their years remarkably well - a good program was rendered, refreshments served and a plump purse of gold presented to the worthy couple.

Are you not coming to visit us

this summer. Your last visit terminated so disastrously, I hesitate to suggest another trial.

Mayo brother-in-law, Dr. Jenning suffered a stroke on Wednesday and in his rather feeble condition, his recovery is doubtful.

Grace is sporting a stunning new Franklin sedan.

Frank has recovered his health after having tonsils removed.

Stanley has returned from two weeks Florida and Cuba vacation for what thought to be serious

results of a fall from a tree in the woods. We will have to forego golf and violent exercise for a time.

Mrs. Grant sails with Mr. Coyle's party for Europe July first.

Love to Sister Ab. I can see her flitting happily about her immaculate house.

Our best to you both.

Mary Kenna.

Mr. Stimson preached the sermon to the high school graduates today, three

of whom are children of parents to
whom her performed the same office
in 1889.

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GLENS FALLS, N. Y.

May Twenty-fifth,
1927.

Mr. W.C. Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Court:-

Dr. Caughey has been to see me today in regard to the time of your coming here this summer, and he is in somewhat of a mess between Dr. Crosser and Dr. McKay, as they have both asked for the last two Sundays of August.

He is planning to take care of them both some way during the month of August, and he, himself, has been invited to preach in Brooklyn on July 17th, and would like you to take that Sunday if you can. He also has July 3rd open.

Won't you kindly write me if it is possible for you to be here on either one of those Sundays in July instead of the Sundays in August about which I wrote you.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Affectionately,

Harry

Later

Caughey says if you do not care to come at above dates in July, he will give you the first Sunday in August and give Crosser only one Sunday - the 14th and Brooker the two last Sundays. So take your choice.

HWS/M

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May 18, 1927
(Dictated May 17)

Reverend W. Courtland Robinson
Delhi, New York

My dear Court:

I thank you for your good full letter which came yesterday. There is no time now to answer it as I am leaving this morning for San Francisco for some of the Committee meetings that precede the Assembly.

With your view that the pastor should fill the first place in the life and thought and honor of the Church I fully agree. It is a view which I have again and again taken opportunity to press. That is the very idea that is needed in the Church in China to-day as you will see from the discussion in the report of our deputation, a copy of which I am sending you.

I think you carry your idea a little too far, however, when you exclude teachers and other servants of the Church altogether from some of the duties and opportunities of service in the church's life.

As to the Moderatorship, I am doing and shall continue to do everything in my power to prevent my nomination. I realize clearly the difficulties that are before the Church and trust that some way of solution may be found. The way is made clear enough in the New Testament, but it is easier for us to preach the New Testament doctrine to others than it is to practice it ourselves.

If there were anything I could do to be of help I do not need to tell you that I would rejoice to do it, but I have no idea that I have any such influence or could accomplish any such results as you generously suggest.

Meanwhile we must all be praying and trusting and doing whatever we can to bring all the different forces together in unity of faith and love.

With warm regard,

Ever your friend,

Robert E. Speer/B.

RES/B

THE OAKS
WAUGH
ALA.

April 18-1927.

My dear Father & Lady.

"Way down South in the land of cotton" it is hot enough so that I know I am storing up heat enough to last me through next winter. The darkies are happy for cotton and cotton are growing. I have been here four weeks and they have been very happy ones. Not always so hot, so we have enjoyed the beautiful country walking and riding. Most interesting people have been here for longer or shorter periods. Many new books and

many magazines with much discussion
and the "Look me another Crazy", have kept
our minds rather active. But I think
I prize the spiritual uplift I always
get here above everything else. These
women live and move and have their
being in a spiritual atmosphere - religion
is the natural thing. such a happy, helpful
religion and with it they enjoy all the
good things of life. "The church in the
home" as Sallie, the dear old
Christian housekeeper calls morning
prayers, starts the day off right
and sometimes extends so far into time

THE OAKS
WAUGH
ALA.

that an thrifty Northerner wonder when the home work is going to be done. But Sallie's appreciation of scripture, her prayers and her spirituelle are always to the point and worth while.

The Pierces started a school for the Colored here thirty eight years ago and at Founders day last week, the address was made by a graduate of twenty five years ago, now an Instructor and Spellman Board and prominent business man of Birmingham. Of the

School had done no more than produce
him over the young ministers we have
recently its would have repaid all
time, money & sacrifice.
Yesterday we attended a wedding at one
of the cabins - the bride was married on
the porch - all the colored gentry for
miles around had come in their fashion
made carts, carriages & on horse back.
Although the minister did ask the
usual questions saying "do you A
take her or him B etc. etc." he did
the job expertly & the crowd was
most orderly & serious.

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THE OAKS
WAUGH
ALA.

I am starting with the sick - will stop at Austin at Chapel Hill a few days and also at Hampton Roads and perhaps up to Williamsburg - then Newport and home the middle of May.

This letter is in answer to my last written after Thanksgiving.

Glad you are both well and that you will come to Potsdam this summer. My latch string is always out for

the Bishop.

Yours as ever most affectionately
Maurice J. S.

Wednesday

Dear Court:-

Your letter came, but Caughey was away last week. He is waiting to hear from Crozier, before assigning a Sunday to you. He says he is quite certain of giving you one of the three first Sundays in August, so is to advise me as soon as he hears. I will write you at once then.

We are all well, and happy. Margaret is busy now getting our little camp furnished. It is not much only a place to go. We were at Farmers' for Saturday evening last. Days Will is pretty good and able to do a good deal of work. Mr. Lambert

seems to have gone into the poultry business quite extensively, in order to keep his man busy the year round. So moving barns and building coops etc. Says he will tell us how much it costs to be in the business soon - He must have plenty of money.

Laughey paid you the compliment of saying he really is anxious to have you come - that several people had spoken about it, so I think you will hereafter be privileged to preach in our cathedral, which is fast nearing completion. It's a peach, I josh Laughey, and when looking it over the other day with him, I said, "all right, Father Laughey" - He liked it.

Love from the two of us —

Stella

Phila 5/8/1927

My dear Former Pastor
Surely want to inform
you that we were very sorry to
have missed you when you
called last week
The whole family were out of
the City that day
Best time to find this family
is about meal time
next time you are in West Phila
drop in about that time, the
latch string will be hanging
on the door for any time
Regards to you both
Truly yours
William Thedinck